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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION Filing Date Granted

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a ☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 2,248.00.

☒ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☒ missing.  
☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ 790.00 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☒ 2. Additional claim fees of \$ 1328.00, including any multiple dependent claim fees, are required.

\$ 578.00 for 7 independent claims over 3.

\$ 484.00 for 22 dependent claims over 20.

\$ 270.00 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☐ is missing or unexecuted.  
☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.  
☐ does not identify the application to which it applies.  
☐ does not include the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application does not comply with the Sequence Rules.

See attached "Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules 37 CFR 1.821-1.825."

☐ 9. OTHER:

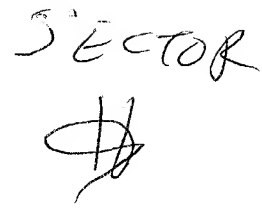
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For	No. Filed		No. Extra	Rate	Small Entity Fee
Basic Fee					\$395.00
Total Claims	42	- 20 =	22	x \$11	242.00
Independent Claims	10	- 3 =	7	x \$41	287.00
Multiple dependent claim fee					270.00
Surcharge - late filing fee					65.00
TOTAL					\$1,124.00

7. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted.

An assignments to the University of Maryland System is being filed under separate cover, along with the recordation fee of \$40.00.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 01-0660/044198.0000.

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